

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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INCENTIVES TO NATIONAL LEVEL ARTISTS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government proposes to support national level artists financially for their economic development;
- (b) if so, the details of all the support incentives and the financial grant proposed in this regard; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE(SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (c) The Union Government has a scheme of financial assistance to persons distinguished in letters, arts and such other walks of life who may be in indigent circumstances. This scheme has been bifurcated into two parts viz. (1) Central Quota and (2) Centre State Quota. Under the Central Quota, the beneficiary is given an allowance of Rs.2,000/- per month i.e. Rs.24,000/- per year. Under the Centre State Quota the allowance is shared by the Centre and State Government/UT Administration concerned in the ratio of 3 : 1 and the beneficiary gets an assistance of Rs.1500/- per month from the Centre and remaining Rs.500/- is shared by the State Government/ U.T. Administration.